Police negligence in disposing unclaimed bodies

366. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the newsitem captioned "Police negligence deprives family of a decent burial for their son" appearing in Hindustan Times dated the 25th May, 2001;

(b) whether it is a fact that the local police disposed of 26 year old Masood Ahmed's body as "unclaimed";

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to apprehend the culprits; and

(d) whether in such cases the local police would be authorised to use electronic media for wide publicity and response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Delhi Police have in connection with this murder arrested three persons alleged to be involved in the crime. In the meantime, the police official responsible for disposing off the body as "unclaimed" has been placed under suspension and department inquiry initiated against him.

(b) The use of electronic media in such cases is already in vogue.

Removal of border pillars by BDR

367. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Bangladesh Rifles (BDR) uprooted border pillars, which were installed on 24th May, 2001, at Jamalpur in Nadia's Karimpur Sub-division;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Jamalpur village belongs to India and the installation of concrete pillars along the international border is part of the on-going and annual border demarcation process;